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WASHINGTON PK. HOMEOWNERS EYE REHAB IDEAS AT PILOT HOUSE



NEW KITCHEN—Left to right: Mrs. Salena Dracer of Freedom House, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kersey of Wakullah street, and Mr. Alfred Cappadona of Rockland street admire features of new kitchen at Pilot House as pointed out by Washington Park BRA Rehabilitation Specialist Simeon Niles, who supervised the remodeling of the demonstration home at 178 Humboldt avenue.

BOSTON Dec. 14 - A group of Washington Park homeowners met recently at Pilot House as the guests of Freedom House and the Boston Redevelopment Authority who are the joint sponsors of this demonstration and model of home improvement and rehabilitation at 178 Humboldt avenue, Roxbury.

As property owners, the visitors were greatly impressed by seeing first-hand how an old house has been given a new lease on life through the installation of such improvements as modern kitchens and bathrooms, floor and ceiling tile, interesting bay windows, exterior siding and roofing, and attractive color coordination and furnishings.

"My wife is looking at the kitchens," said one gentleman, "but I want you to tell me about these bathrooms." BRA and Freedom House staff members were there to answer questions and to provide information and technical advice about how he could go about making similar improvements in his own home. This is a service available to all property owners in the Washington Park Urban Renewal Area through the Boston Redevelopment Authority's Washington Park Site Office at 105 Crawford street.

Although over 1600 persons have already viewed Pilot House on their own, this was the first in a series of gatherings planned especially for homeowners whose properties have been surveyed by the Rehabilitation staff of BRA.

This group came from Rehabilitation sub-area 12 and included Mr. William Cooper, Mr. John Hires, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kersey, Mr. Kenneth West, Mr. Vaughn Steeve and Mr. Alfred Cappadona. Mr. and Mrs. Otto Snowden and Mrs. Salena Draper represented Freedom House, with Messrs. Walter Smart, Samuel Thompson, Thomas Jenkins, John Kennedy, Simeon Niles and Thomas Stewart from the BRA.



PRETTY AS A PICTURE—Left to right: Mr. William Cooper of Dale street, Tom Stewart of the BRA, Mr. John Hires and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kersey of Wakullah street, Simeon Niles of the BRA admire the beautiful hardwood floor which Mrs. Muriel Snowden of Freedom House indicates was retained at Pilot House. Mr. Hires (back to camera) is also looking at display of John-Manville products used in the restoration of the old house.

